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Some borders may be so thin, so fragile, that they can be crossed unconsciously. Dreams, reality, it is so easy to forget one's path between the two worlds. Then let innocence take us to these countries where we need forget all certitudes, all, perhaps except that of being lost.

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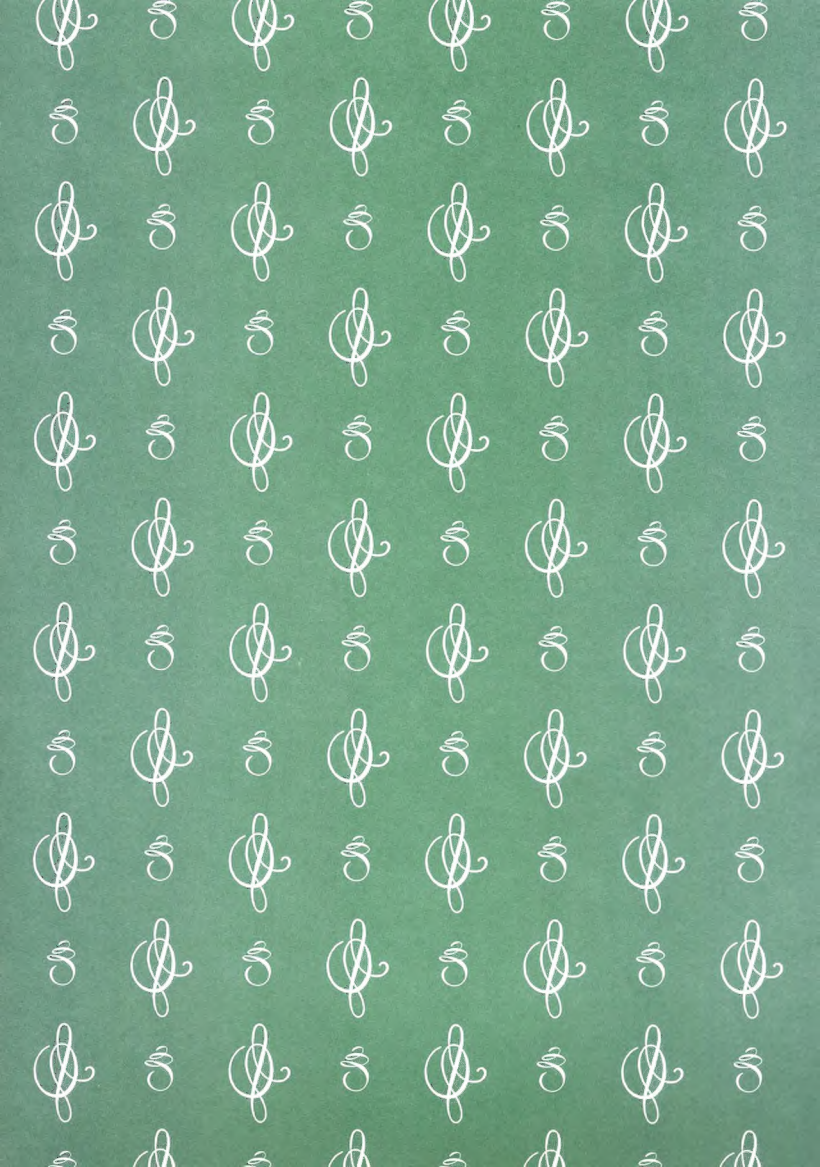

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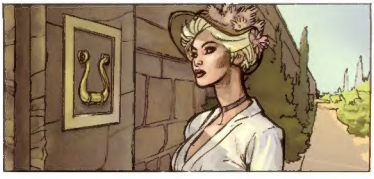
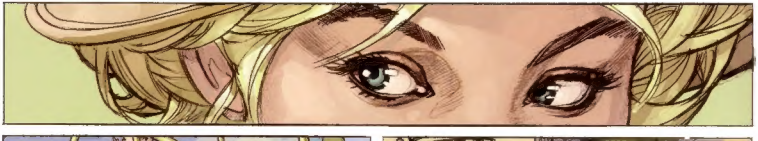
Note on the title:
Due to the ambiguity of the original title "Songes", we hesitated between "dreams" and "fantasies", both being valid translations, albeit not carrying the same meaning. While in French a "songe" is technically a dream, it calls for a much more literary use, where "fantasies" applies better. However, due to the ambiguity in the present case, as well as the overbearing primary meaning of the word, it was not the perfect adaptation.

Note: Doucet would clearly appear as a diminutive of "douce": soft, kind.

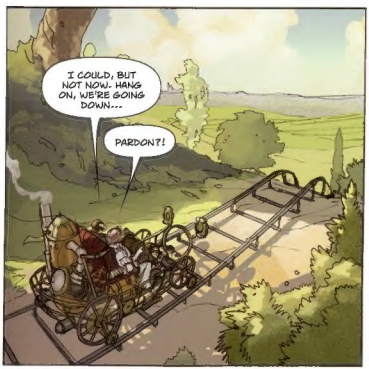


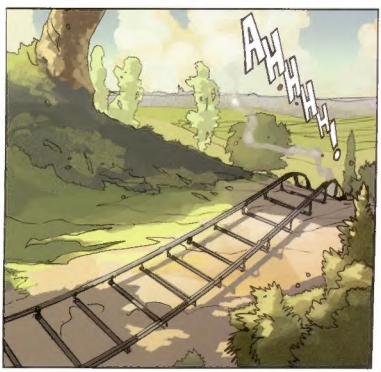


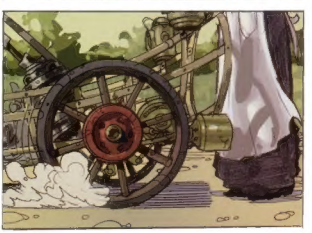
I'VE COME REGARDING THE PAPER NOTICE...
PERFECT, PERFECT!
HOP IN! I WILL DRIVE YOU THERE.
BUT...
DO HOP IN, YOUNG LADY!
WHAT A STRANGE DEVICE...
YOU THINK SO?
WELL, THEN YOU SHAN'T BE SHORT OF SURPRISES!

THE NOTICE WAS UNCLEAR. IT IS A TUTORING OPPORTUNITY, RIGHT?
THERE'S THAT.
BECAUSE I KNOW CHILDREN WELL: I'VE HAD FOUR YOUNGER BROTHERS, ALTHOUGH I ALSO TOOK CARE OF MY AGING UNCLE SOMETIMES.
A CONTENTED MAN...
WHAT I AM TRYING TO SAY IS THAT I CAN JUST AS EASILY SERVE AN ADULT. IT MATTERS LITTLE TO ME.
HE HAS NOT PLAYED IN A VERY LONG TIME.
YOUR ROLE WILL BE TO REMEDY THAT.
AH! SO IT IS ABOUT A CHILD. HOW OLD IS HE?
A CHILD...? NOT QUITE.
IN ANY CASE HIS AGE DOES NOT MATTER.
I MUST ADMIT YOU HAVE LOST ME HERE.
I QUITE BELIEVE YOU; IT IS A BIT OF AN UNUSUAL JOB.

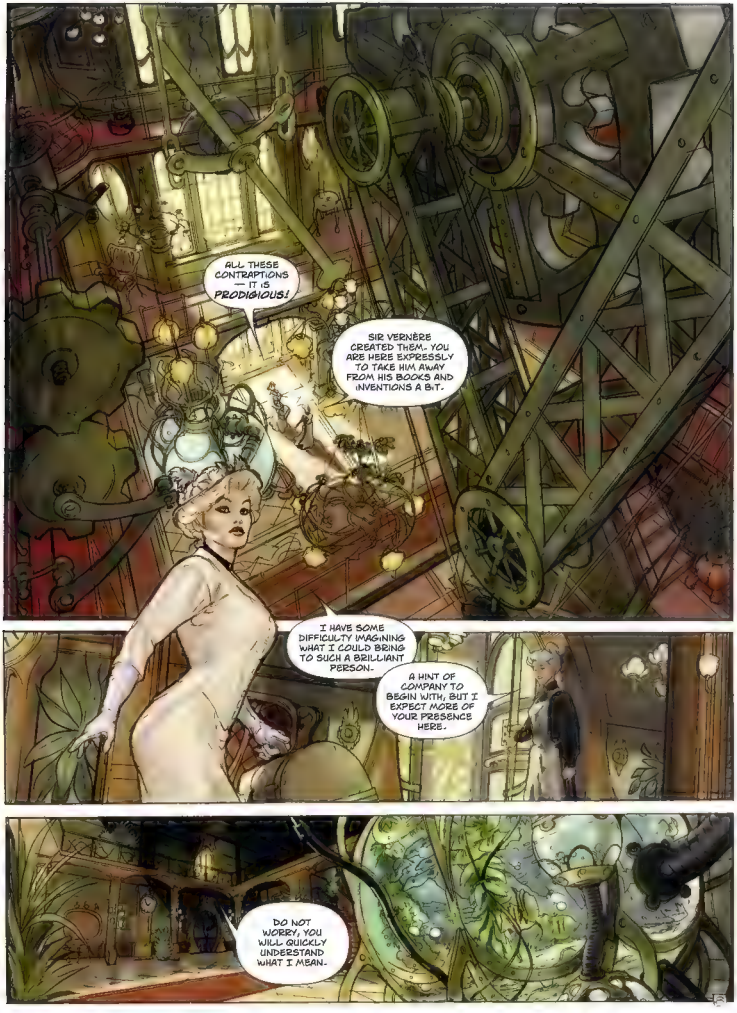
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND, WON'T YOU TELL ME MORE?


I COULD, BUT NOT NOW. HANG ON, WE'RE GOING DOWN...
PARDON?!


AHHHH!



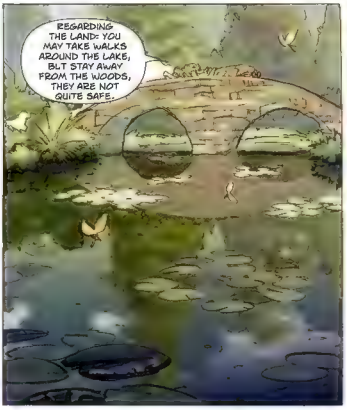
HMM... THANK YOU, SIR.
YOU CANNOT HELP JESTING, CAN YOU, EKBORN!
I SHALL SHOW YOU YOUR ROOM, SIR VERNERS IS YET AGAIN WORKING IN HIS WORKSHOP.
FINE, BUT...
I SUPPOSE OUR HEAD STEWARD TOLD YOU OF YOUR DUTIES HERE.
NOT ENTIRELY, IN FACT. BUT I WAS ABOUT TO PRESENT YOU WITH A FEW REFERENCES.
IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND AS TO LET ME FETCH THEM...
AH! THERE THEY ARE!
MY DEAR, YOU WILL BE PERFECT! I AM MOST PLEASED. FOLLOW ME.
FOR SURE SHE IS PER-FECT. VERY MUCH SO...!


ALL THESE CONTRAPTIONS – IT IS PRODIGIOUS!
SIR VERNÈRE CREATED THEM. YOU ARE HERE EXPRESSLY TO TAKE HIM AWAY FROM HIS BOOKS AND INVENTIONS A BIT.
I HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY IMAGINING WHAT I COULD BRING TO SUCH A BRILLIANT PERSON.
A HINT OF COMPANY TO BEGIN WITH, BUT I EXPECT MORE OF YOUR PRESENCE HERE.
DO NOT WORRY, YOU WILL QUICKLY UNDERSTAND WHAT I MEAN.

FORGIVE ME FOR INSISTING, BUT I REALLY MUST INSIST I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT TASK I AM ASSIGNED TO.
HAVE NO FEAR, IT WILL ASSUREDLY BE EASY FOR YOU, AND HERE IS YOUR ROOM.
I CHOSE YOU THIS ROOM, IN FRONT OF THE PARK; IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN LIKED BY YOUR PREDECESSORS.
SIR VERNERE SHALL GUIDE YOU AROUND THE PROPERTY. HE ALWAYS INSISTS ON DOING IT HIMSELF.
I WILL INFORM HIM OF YOUR ARRIVAL.
IT IS VERY KIND, THANK YOU.
SET YOURSELF COMFORTABLY IN THE MEANTIME.
WELL! YOU COULD AT LEAST SAY THIS PLACE DOES NOT LACK MYSTERY. AND THEY ARE VERY CHARMING, TOO!
ODD, YET CHARMING... NOT UNLIKE EVERYTHING ELSE HERE.
OH! IT SEEMS SOMEONE BEFORE ME FORGOT THEIR THINGS.
IT WOULD NEARLY FIT ME.
AHEM, AHEM!
I'M SORRY! I WAS LOOKING FOR A CLOSET TO PUT MY BELONGINGS IN.
YOU MAY WEAR THOSE CLOTHES, THEY ARE HERE FOR THIS PURPOSE.
I WILL ADAPT THEM IF NECESSARY.
SIR VERNERE IS WAITING FOR YOU DOWNSTAIRS.

HOW CUTE! HELLO YOU, MY NAME IS CORALINE, WHAT'S YOURS?
SIR, HERE IS YOUR NEW TUTOR.
I APO-LOGIZE...
I WAS CONFUSED. HELLO, SIR.
FOLLOW ME!
I THOUGHT BETTER TO READY THE VERNE 5.
I HAVE YET TO FINISH POLISHING THE LEATHER PIECES OF THE VERNE 6, AS SIR HAD REQUESTED.
IT WILL DO, EKBORN, WE ARE NOT GOING FAR. TAKE THIS OPPOR-TUNITY TO POLISH BOTH LEATHER AND BRONZE PIECES.
OF COURSE, SIR. IT SHALL BE DONE!
WE ARE GOING THEN!

IN THE MANOR, YOU WILL ONLY HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR ROOM, AS WELL AS THE LIVING AND DINING ROOMS. FOR ALL THE OTHERS, YOU WILL REQUIRE MY EXPRESS PERMISSION.
VERY GOOD, SIR.

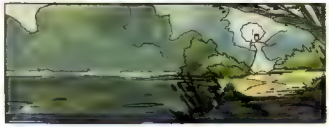

REGARDING THE LAND: YOU MAY TAKE WALKS AROUND THE LAKE, BUT STAY AWAY FROM THE WOODS, THEY ARE NOT QUITE SAFE.

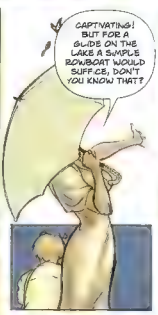
REGARDING MY WORKSHOPS, I FORMALLY AND DEFINITELY DENY YOU ACCESS TO THEM! YOU WILL FOR NO REASON OF ANY KIND, EVEN WITH LIVES AT STAKE, DISTURB ME FROM THERE! IS IT UNDERSTOOD, CORALINE?
PERFECTLY UNDERSTOOD, VERNERE... I MEAN, PERFECTLY, SIR!

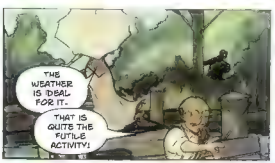
VERY WELL, THEN THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEMS. I WILL DRIVE YOU BACK, YOU MAY JOIN ME IN AN HOUR ON THE EDGE OF THE LAKE, I WILL GIVE YOU A DEMONSTRATION.
A DEMONSTRATION? OF WHAT EXACTLY?

YOU SHALL SEE IN AN HOUR.

Note: The Guérande is a small region of south-western France known for its salt ponds, medieval town, and protected forests.







FUTILE, YOU SAY...
I THINK I'M ACTUALLY STARTING TO UNDERSTAND A NUMBER OF THINGS.
SO BE IT! I WILL LEAVE YOU TO YOUR TOYS, BUT I WILL NOT COME BACK FOR YOU.

I WONDER IF A BIT OF SPANKING WAS NOT MISSING FROM THIS BOY'S EDUCATION.
IN ANY CASE, ENTERTAINING HIM WILL NOT BE AN EASY TASK...
I'M SURE HE'S NEVER LIED DOWN ON THE GRASS TO WATCH THE CLOUDS DRIFT BY OR CONTEMPLATED THE STARS.
HE MAY KNOW MANY THINGS, BUT HE STILL HAS A LOT TO LEARN...
WAIT... WATCH OUT, YOU ARE... WATCH OUT!

NO NEED TO SHOUT LIKE THAT, I DID TELL YOU I WOULD NOT COME BACK TO GET YOU.
WHY DON'T YOU... HEY! JUST WHAT...
AAAAH!
OOPS!

YOU DID IT ON PURPOSE! DIDN'T YOU?
ALL THESE HOURS OF WORK FOR NOTHING, I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY!
AND CAPRICIOUS, TOO!
HE NEARLY DROWNS ME, BUT ALL THAT COUNTS IS HIS DAMNED BOAT...
AT LEAST NOW I KNOW I HAVE TO BEWARE OF HIS PRODIGIOUS CONTRAPTIONS, WHICH CAN SLAY YOU IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!
OH, NOO!
REALLY, I DO NOT KNOW IF ALL THIS IS A GOOD OMEN...

WITH A LITTLE LUCK, I WILL ONLY CATCH A COLD.
SUCH A MARVEL!
HOW CAN ONE HAVE IN HERE SO MANY BOOKS YET BE OF SUCH A HATEFUL CHARACTER...?
WHERE DO YOU PLAN ON GOING?
YOU'VE ALREADY LEFT WATER EVERYWHERE!
GO AROUND THE BACKDOOR OR I WILL MAKE YOU REGRET IT, OLD PERVERT!
BUT, BUT, BUT...
NO "BUTS", JUST OBEY!

JUST IN TIME.
IN ANY CASE, IT SEEMS LIKE THIS NEW POSITION WILL SPARE ME NO SURPRISES!

DINNER IS SERVED, MISS.
THANK YOU GLEBRANDE, IS VERNERS STILL LOCKED IN HIS WORKSHOP?
NO, HE IS WAITING FOR YOU.
I HAVE HAD SOLE PREPARED. I THOUGHT FISH WOULD BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TONIGHT.
IT IS A MOST THOUGHTFUL ATTENTION. I HOPE YOU ARE NOT ANGERED AT ME FOR YOUR BOAT, I AM MOST SORRY.
LET US FORGET THAT, AND TOAST TO YOUR ARRIVAL AMONGST US.
I DO NOT USUALLY PARTAKE IN ALCOHOL, BUT THIS BEVERAGE IS PECULIAR...

IT IS A NECTAR OF MY OWN MAKING. I ADDED IN THE RESULT OF A DECOCTION OF TROPICAL FLOWERS, GIVING IT AN UTTERLY EXTRAORDINARY PERFUME.
TRY IT, IT IS DELICIOUS.
THANK YOU, EKBORN.
YOU KNOW, I DRINK VERY RARELY.
OOPS!
I WAS SAYING THAT... WELL... I DRINK VERY LITTLE.
LET US TOAST NONE-THELESS. TO YOUR ARRIVAL!
AT LEAST I WON'T END UP TIPSY.

IN THE FUTURE I WILL HAVE TO PREVENT TAKING FORCED BATHS BEFORE HAVING THIS PECULIAR NECTAR. I DO NOT THINK IT DOES ME ANY GOOD.
OH WELL, A GOOD NIGHT OF SLEEP CURES ALL AILMENTS.
GOODNIGHT, VERNÈRE. SWEET DREAMS.
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WHO IS THERE?
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I CAN HEAR YOU, YOU KNOW. I KNOW YOU ARE...
THERE!
...

THERE SHE IS, THERE SHE IS! HOW DELIGHTFULLY CUTE SHE IS! DON'T YOU THINK, SERGIO?!
INDEED, IGNACIO! WOULD YOU LIKE A PEACH, MISS, THEY ARE DIVINE TONIGHT!
NO, THANK YOU. HEY!
WHO ARE YOU? AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE CLOSET?!
IN THE CLOSET! SHE ASKS WHAT WE ARE DOING IN THE CLOSET! CAN YOU HEAR IT, SERGIO?
I HEAR, IGNACIO, BUT SHE DOESN'T WANT A PEACH.
MUNCH
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE DELICIOUSLY SPLENDID.
HMM, HMM... I MAY NOT HAVE ANYTHING YOUR SIZE, BUT IT'S NOT A BAD THING IF IT'S TIGHT AROUND HERE.
KEEP YOUR HANDS TO YOURSELF! YOU PERVERT!
NOW! DOES THIS LOOK LIKE A CLOSET? IT'S A DRESSING ROOM AND WE ARE COSTUME DESIGNERS. SO STOP YELLING FOR NOTHING AND HAVE SOME RESPECT FOR THE WORK OF OTHERS!
YOUR WORK! YOU WORK IN A CLOSET!
YOU ARE DOING IT ON PURPOSE, AREN'T YOU?
YOU ARE HERE IN THE CAPARELLI BROTHERS' SHOP, AND WE HAVE WASTED ENOUGH TIME ALREADY! PUT THAT ON THAT I MAY SEE IF IT NEEDS TAILORING.
I MUST BE DELIRIOUS. THAT'S IT! IT WAS THE WINE AND THE DIP. AND NOW I AM HALLUCINATING IN MY SLEEP!

HEY! HOW LONG IS IT TAKING YOU TO PUT ON THAT DRESS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
IT IS JUST THAT IT'S A BIT TIGHT FOR ME, I CAN BARELY BREATHE.
IT'S COMPRESSING ME FROM ALL SIDES, YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING.
ON THE CONTRARY, IT'S MEANT TO BE WORN LIKE THAT, YOU'LL SEE, YOU WON'T BE COMPRESSED TOO LONG.
BUT I CAN BARELY BREATHE!
HURRY UP NOW, THE HUNTER IS WAITING FOR YOU.
WHO?
THE HUNTER. HAVE A NICE TRIP!
?!...
ARE YOU THE HUNTER ...?
AT YOUR SERVICE, MISS. IF YOU WOULD PLEASE ENTER...
IF I MAY SAY SO, YOU ARE ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND THIS ATTIRE SUITS YOU PERFECTLY.
WHAT DID YOU SAY...?
YOU HAVE ARRIVED, MISS!
AND WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO NOW? WAIT FOR A RABBIT?
THAT, MISS, IS FOR YOU TO DECIDE. I AM BUT IN CHARGE OF THE ELEVATOR.
LET US SEE THEN!

WHAT IS TH...!
DON'T STAY HERE MILADY, RETURN TO YOUR CABIN, I WILL PROTE...
JUST WHAT HAVE I FALLEN INTO THIS TIME?

HEY, GORGEOUS! GOT LOST!?
GO AWAY! I WANT TO WAKE UP!
DON'T YE WORRY NOWE, I'LL WAKE Y'UP!
LET ME GO, YOU APE!
SHROUCH
GOOD TIMING.
THANK YOU, SIR.
THA' OLE RASCAL KEPT YOU ALL TO HISSELF!
NOT AGAIN!
EEEH!

I DON'T SEE WHY YE GET TO BE FIRST, FAIR'S FAIR!
NAY, I BRUNG HER, I START!
HE BE RIGHT, HAVS T' BE FAIR!
I DON'T GO AFTER DICK AND TH' ANIMALS!
NO ONE WILL START DOING ANYTHING, YOU HEAR ME?! I WILL WAKE UP AND YOU WILL ALL DISAPPEAR!
YEAH, YEAH, DON'T START YET!
IF THAT BE IT, HEADS OR TAILS!
YEAH, FLIP A DOUBLOON!
I CHOOSE TAILS, YOU HEADS!
YEAH! YEAH! HEADS!
HEY! YOU! STOP RIGHT NOW! YOU'RE TOO YOUNG FOR THAT!
AARGH!
CHTONG
THE... THE... THE CAPTAN WON HER, HE STARTS!

THANK YOU CAPTAIN, FINALLY SOMEONE CIVILIZED!
IF NOT FOR YOUR INTERVENTION, I WOULD HAVE BECOME HYSTERICAL!
THANK YOU.
EEEH!
LET ME GO RIGHT NOW!
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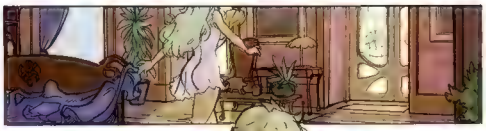
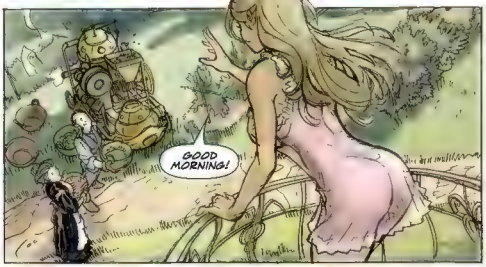
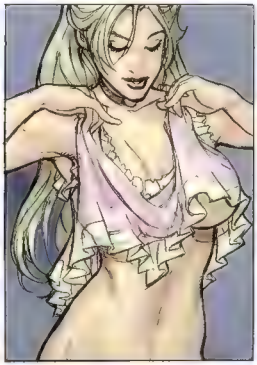



GOOD MORNING!

IT DIDN'T WORK!
GOOD MORNING, MISS!
IT'S THE FIRST TIME. MASTER WILL NOT BE PLEASED.

IN ANY CASE, ONE THING IS SURE- NO NECTAR FOR ME TODAY!



MY PANTIES! REALLY, STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN IN THIS HOUSE...

MISS...
YOUR BREAKF...
DID YOU REMAIN TO HELP ME MAKE THE BED?
NO, NO... I WAS ONLY VERI-FYING THAT MISS CORALINE HAD EVERYTHING SHE NEEDED.

WAIT, GUERANDE, I WILL HELP YOU.
I FORBID YOU TO, MISS. AND ANYWAY, I AM NEARLY DONE.
IS VERNERE ALREADY UP?
YES. HE SHUT HIMSELF IN HIS WORK-SHOP.
HE...
IS NOT IN A GOOD MOOD TODAY. HE HAD A BAD DREAM.
AH!
SURELY NOT AS DIRE AS MINE.

YOU WILL FALL ILL IF YOU REMAIN CLOTHED THUS IN THE DRAUGHTS!
SIR VERNÈRE ASKED FOR YOU AT THE EDGE OF THE WOODS AT 11 O'CLOCK.
I SUGGEST YOU WEAR ATTIRE MORE SUITED TO THE COUNTRYSIDE THIS TIME. THERE IS ONE IN THE WARDROBE.
THE CLOSET...
NOW, ENOUGH HESITATING! I HAVE A CHILD TO ENTERTAIN!

GOOD MORNING, VERNÈRE! MAY I CALL YOU VERNÈRE?
IF YOU WISH, BUT STAY WHERE YOU ARE, I WILL TURN IT ON!
TURN WHAT ON?
MY FOOTPATH UNDER-GROWTH CLEARER!
I HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IN HIS OWN WAYS, THIS CHILD IS TRULY EX-TRAORDINARY!

TRULY A WONDERFUL DEVICE YOU HAVE MADE HERE. A BIT NOISY, BUT USEFUL..
THANK YOU..
DO YOU NOT THINK MAKING A TREEHOUSE WITH ALL THESE TRUNKS AND BRANCHES WOULD BE AMUSING?
A TREE-HOUSE... WHY NOT!
I WILL BE BACK SOON, I NEED TO READY THE TOOLS!
WELL, WELL, PERHAPS ALL IS NOT LOST...
I ONLY NEEDED A BIT OF PATIENCE, HELLO EVERYONE!

HEY! DO NOT RUN!
WHAT IS THIS NOW?!
I PRESENT YOU MY TREEHOUSE MACHINE.
I HAVE NEVER HAD THE OCCASION TO TRY IT. YOUR IDEA WAS GOOD.
I AM NOT SO SURE ANYMORE.
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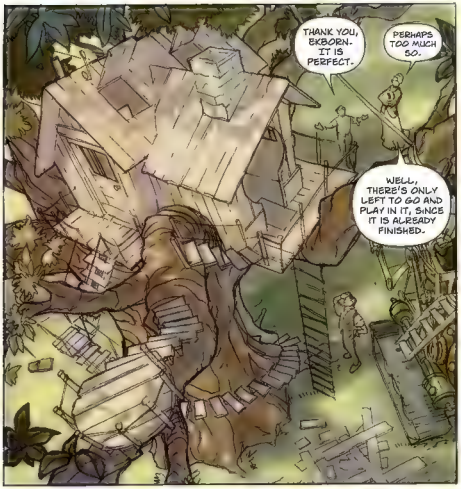

THANK YOU, EKBORN. IT IS PERFECT.
PERHAPS TOO MUCH SO.
WELL, THERE'S ONLY LEFT TO GO AND PLAY IN IT, SINCE IT IS ALREADY FINISHED.

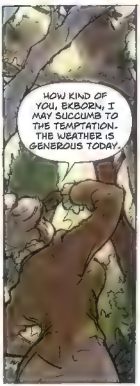
FUTILE AGAIN! I HAVE GROWN OUT OF CHILDISH THINGS, DEAR.

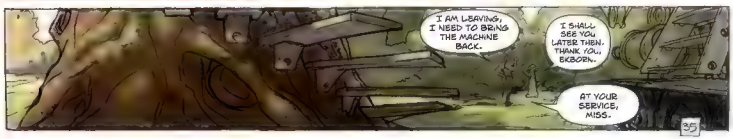
NO, IN FACT, THAT IS WHERE THE PROBLEM LIES.
YOU TOO, BY THE WAY, IF I AM CORRECT. I AM LEAVING; I HAVE WORK TO DO.

DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED, MISS. YOU WILL SUCCEED ONE DAY.
I DO NOT KNOW, EKBORN. I WONDER WHAT COULD DISTRACT HIM FROM HIS INVENTIONS.
WHICH IS ALL THAT COUNTS TO HIM.

THAT AND READING. HE COULD STAY SHUT IN HIS LIBRARY FOR DAYS WITHOUT SHOWING SIGNS OF LIFE.

OH, SO THERE ALSO IS A LIBRARY...
YES, BUT NOW HE IS MORE LIKELY TO SHUT HIMSELF IN HIS WORKSHOP. SO IF YOU WISH, I WILL READY A FEW THINGS SO YOU MAY BATHE IN THE LAKE.


HOW KIND OF YOU, EKBORN, I MAY SUCCUMB TO THE TEMPTATION. THE WEATHER IS GENEROUS TODAY.


I AM LEAVING. I NEED TO BRING THE MACHINE BACK.
I SHALL SEE YOU LATER THEN. THANK YOU, EKBORN.
AT YOUR SERVICE, MISS.

EKBORN IS TRULY KIND, BUT HIS CHOICES ARE FAR FROM MODEST. THANKFULLY GUÉRANDE LET ME BORROW A SWIMSUIT MY SIZE. WHERE ARE THEY ALL, BY THE WAY...?
I WONDER ...
AFTER ALL, THE LIBRARY WAS NOTHING SPECIAL, PERHAPS THE WORKSHOP...
COULD YOU HELP ME, MISS?
OF COURSE, I WAS ONLY WANDERING ABOUT.
THAT IS INDEED WHAT I HAD FIGURED...

YOU HAVE ARRIVED, I WILL LEAVE YOU HERE.
OH MY---!
I WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE FOR MY BEHAVIOUR THIS MORNING. I SOMETIMES HAVE A HARD TIME CONTROLLING MY REACTIONS. I HOPE THIS ROOM WILL MAKE YOU FORGET ABOUT THE INCIDENT.
OH, VERNÈRE! A MOST DELICATE THOUGHT, IT IS FORGOTTEN!
WE WILL HAVE A TORST THEN, IF YOU WOULD PLEASE.
WHAT A DELICIOUS IDEA!
YOU MAY COME IN HERE AS MUCH AS YOU DESIRE. BUT FOR NOW, LET US NOT LEAVE THE STUPENDOUS MEAL GUIRANDE HAS PREPARED GO COLD.
YOU ARE RIGHT, I AM STARVING!

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AGAIN!
GOOD EVENING, CORALINE! WE WERE WAITING FOR YOU. I HAVE PREPARED THIS.
BUT, THIS IS NOT RIGHT! IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DREAM TWICE OF THE SAME THING!
WHO IS TALKING ABOUT DREAMING THE SAME THING? COME ON, GET DRESSED! THE HUNTER IS WAITING FOR YOU!
WHAT AM I GOING TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS TIME?
THAT IS THE CHARM OF THE THING, THE UNKNOWN!
GOODBYE ...
GOOD EVENING, MISS.
GOOD EVENING...
SECOND FLOOR TONIGHT.
AH!
OH WELL, WHAT'S THE RISK?
I KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT, NOW.
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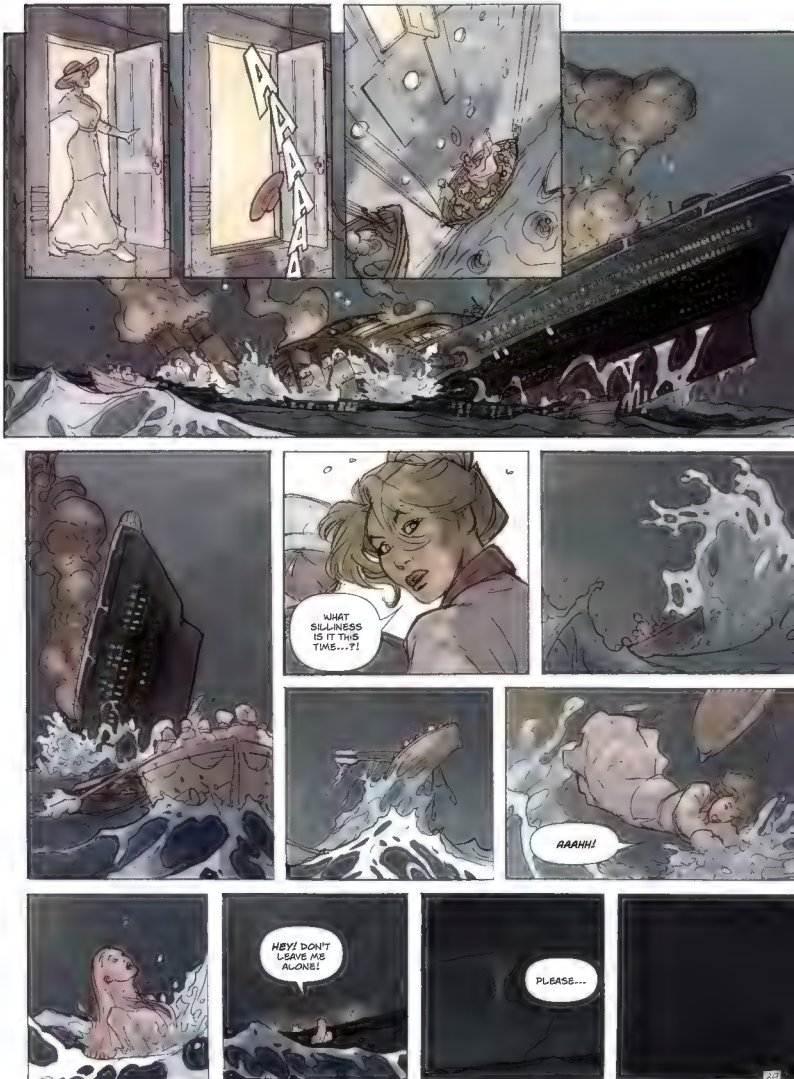
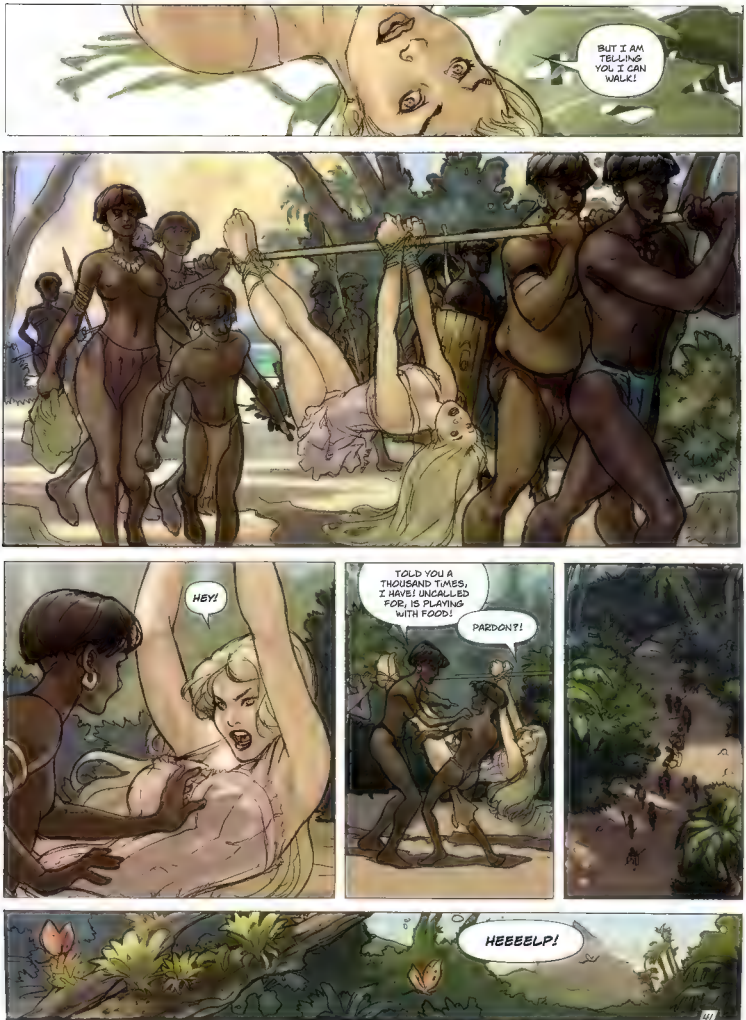
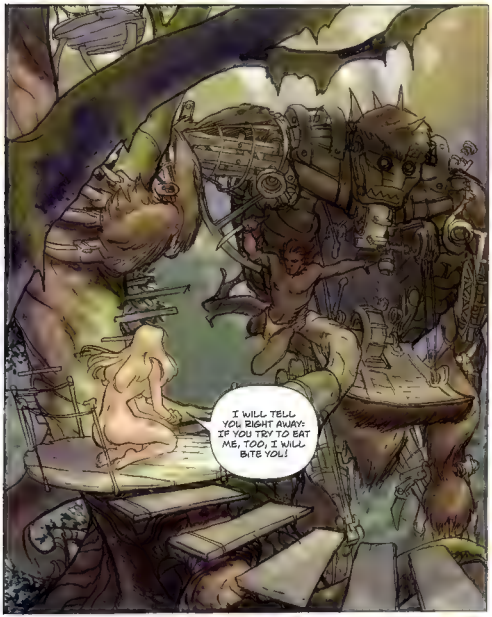

AAAAAAA
WHAT SILLINESS IS IT THIS TIME...?!
AAAHH!
HEY! DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE!
PLEASE...

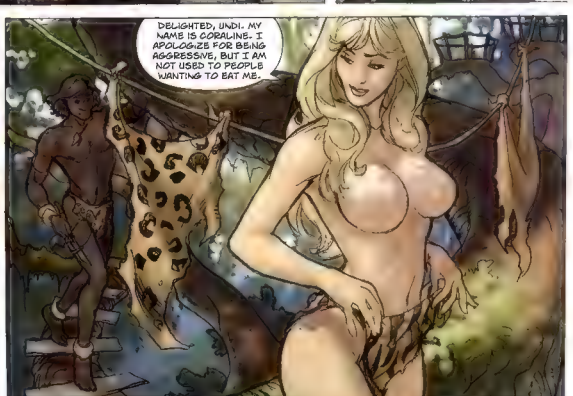
WHERE AM I...
NO! IT IS NOT OVER YET!
REALLY, THESE COSTUMES HAVE THE UNPLEASANT HABIT OF FALLING TO PIECES!
WELL! SINCE THE LOCATION HAS CHANGED, I THINK I MIGHT DO THE SAME! I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND SOMETHING SUITABLE...


BUT I AM TELLING YOU I CAN WALK!
HEY!
TOLD YOU A THOUSAND TIMES, I HAVE! UNCALLED FOR, IS PLAYING WITH FOOD!
PARDON?!
HEEEELP!

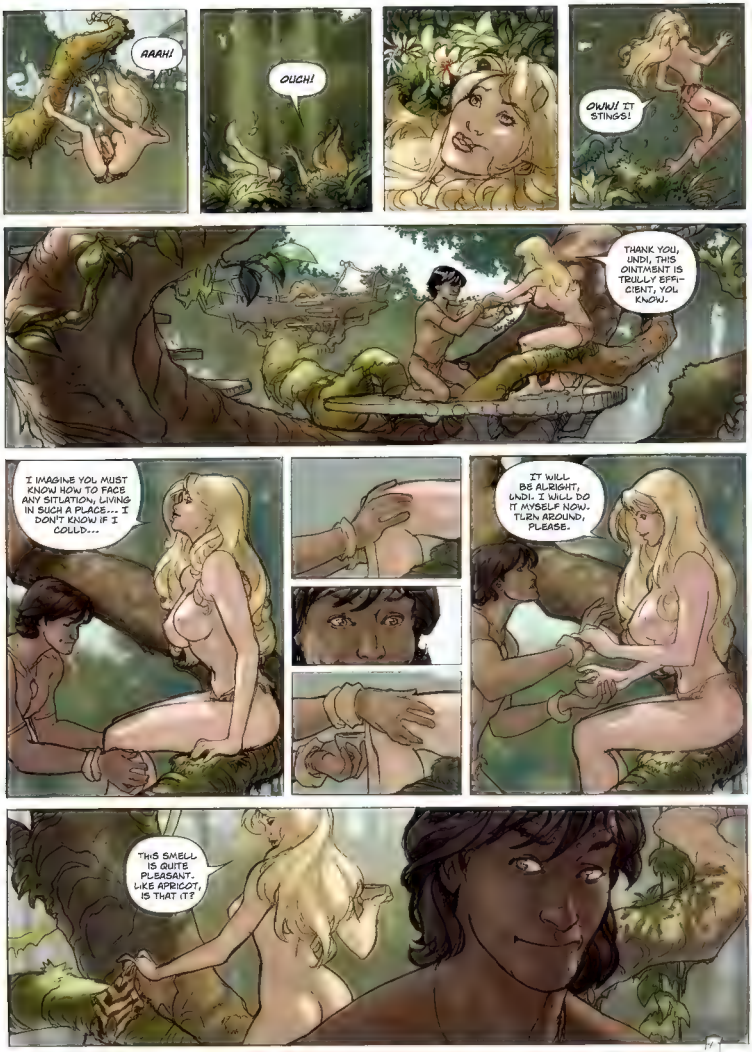
ARE YOU SURE THERE IS NO WAY TO COMPROMISE? DO YOU NOT HAVE CHICKENS OR PIGS IN THE REGION?
BUT I DON'T LIKE STEW! I WANT A QUICHE, MOTHER, DO YOU HEAR?! A QUICHE!
MY DEAR, BE OBSTINATE THUS, AND YOU SHALL BE SENT TO BED WITHOUT TASTING THIS DELICIOUS YOUNG WOMAN!
AND IT KEEPS HAP-PENING!
KRAAK
KRAAK
HEY! BE NICE! DO NOT PLAY WITH YOUR FOOD, THEY SAID!
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME? HEY! I AM TALK-ING TO YOU!


I WILL TELL YOU RIGHT AWAY: IF YOU TRY TO EAT ME, TOO, I WILL BITE YOU!

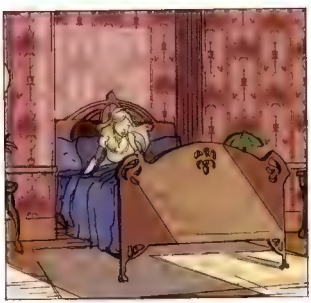
UNDI! UNDI!


DELIGHTED, UNDI. MY NAME IS CORALINE. I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING AGGRESSIVE, BUT I AM NOT USED TO PEOPLE WANTING TO EAT ME.

THIS PLACE IS TRULY MAGNIFICENT. DID YOU BUILD THAT YOURSELF?
UNDI!
OH! HOW LOVELY!
OH!

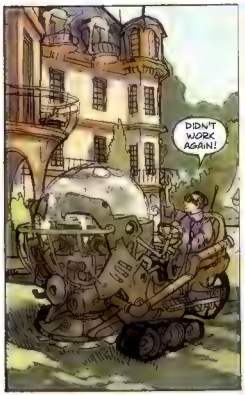

AAAH!
OUCH!
OWW! IT STINGS!
THANK YOU, UNDI, THIS OINTMENT IS TRULLY EFFICIENT, YOU KNOW.
I IMAGINE YOU MUST KNOW HOW TO FACE ANY SITUATION, LIVING IN SUCH A PLACE... I DON'T KNOW IF I COULD...
IT WILL BE ALRIGHT, UNDI. I WILL DO IT MYSELF NOW. TURN AROUND, PLEASE.
THIS SMELL IS QUITE PLEASANT. LIKE APRICOT, IS THAT IT?

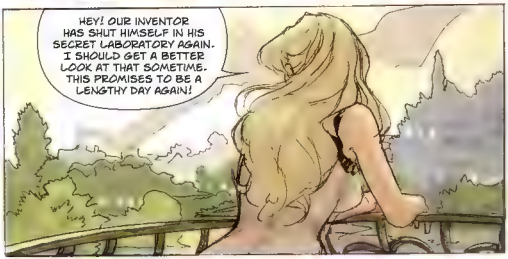
I'M ALMOST DONE!
FINALLY, IT SEEMS THIS DREAM IS BETTER THAN THE PREVIOUS ONE.
AH! NO...



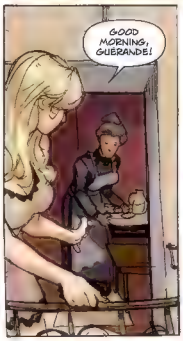
I BELIEVE THAT AT THIS PACE, I WILL SOON HAVE TO DO WITHOUT PANTIES!

THIS IS STRANGE. A LINGERING SMELL OF APRICOT...


DIDN'T WORK AGAIN!


HEY! OUR INVENTOR HAS SHUT HIMSELF IN HIS SECRET LABORATORY AGAIN. I SHOULD GET A BETTER LOOK AT THAT SOMETIME. THIS PROMISES TO BE A LENGTHY DAY AGAIN!

MASTER SENDS ME TO TELL YOU HE WILL COME AND TAKE YOU FOR A HORSERIDE WITHIN THE HOUR. I HAVE PREPARED A PICNIC.


GOOD MORNING, GUERANDE!

MAY I HAVE A BOOK OR TWO? I THINK I WILL READ UNDER THE SUN AS I WAIT FOR HIM.

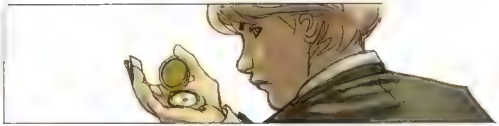
OF COURSE, MISS. I WILL BRING A FEW. ENJOY YOUR MEAL.

BY THE WAY. I THOUGHT RIGHT TO ADD A FEW PANTIES TO YOUR CLOSET. YOU SEEM TO NOT HAVE ENOUGH.

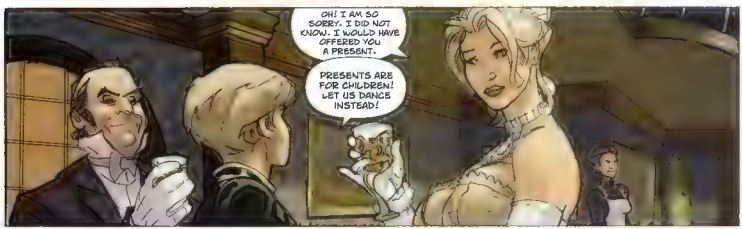
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN ...!
ARE YOU READY? WE ARE LEAVING NOW!
SPARE ME A FEW SECONDS AND I WILL BE, VERNÈRE! AND BY THE WAY, HELLO!
YES, HELLO!

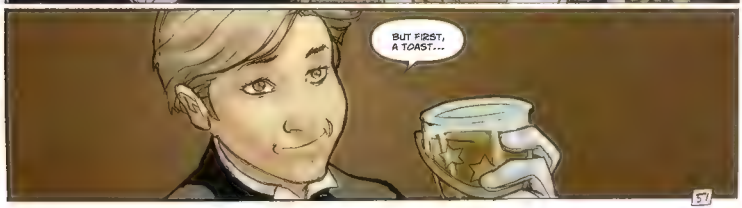
IT WAS QUITE A PLEASANT PICNIC, VERNERE. I HAVE ENJOYED HEARING YOU TALK OF THE LEGENDS OF THIS CASTLE.
I AM UNDESERVING, I ONLY READ A FEW BOOKS.
PERHAPS, BUT I REALLY DID ENJOY YOUR TALE-TELLING.
WHAT A TRULY MARVELLOUS LOCATION!
OH! HOW GORGEOUS!

VERNÈRE, LOOK AT THIS LOVELY PIN I HAVE FOUND! DOES IT BOTHER YOU IF I KEEP IT?
HOWEVER YOU WANT. WE ARE NOT SHORT OF OLD TRINKETS AROUND HERE.
HAVE YOU NEVER WANTED TO SEARCH THESE RUINS FOR TREASURES?
WHAT FOR? IS THAT YET ANOTHER OF YOUR CHILDISH IDEAS?!
VERNÈRE, YOU REALLY LEAVE NO ROOM FOR DREAMING!
PERHAPS, BUT NOW, THIS RIDE IS BORING ME. FINISH IT ALONE!
CAPRICIOUS AND DERANGED! POOR CHILD...
DINNER IS SERVED, MISS.
FINE, I WILL HURRY, GUÉRANDE. BUT I MUST FIRST SHOWER. I HAVE RIDDEN A LOT AND MY HORSE HAD A LEAK. I MUST REEK OF OIL.
I HAVE PREPARED YOU ATTIRE FOR DINNER. TONIGHT IS RATHER SPECIAL.
FINE... THANK YOU, GUÉRANDE. I WILL BE DOWN IN A MOMENT.

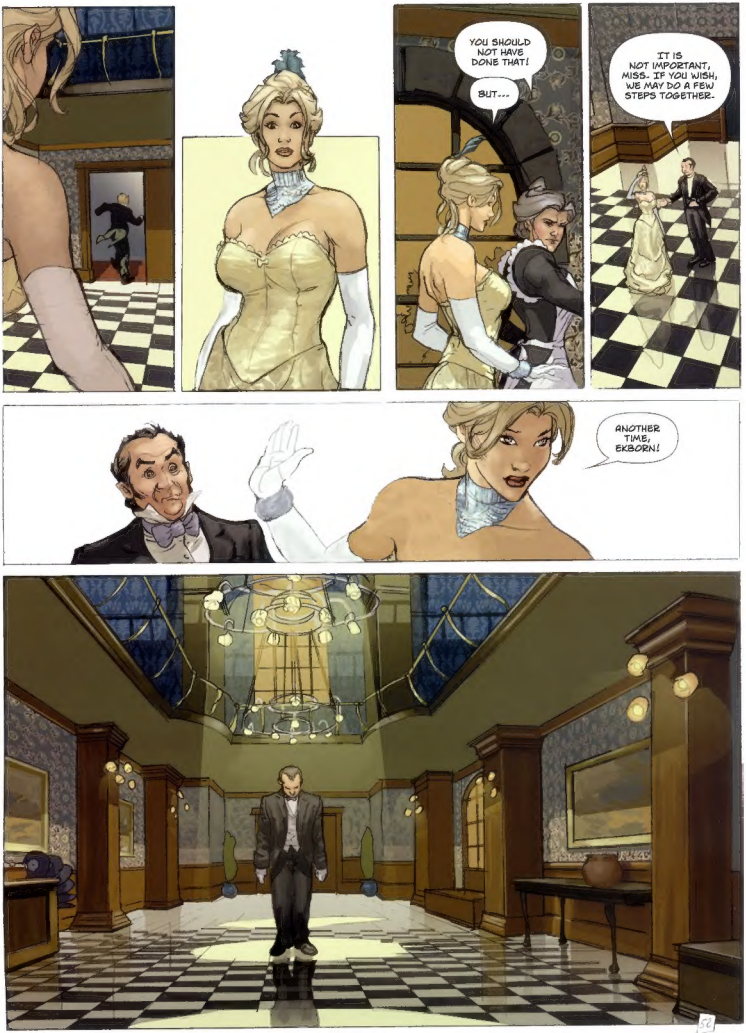


COME, MISS. WE ARE CELEBRATING MASTER'S BIRTHDAY.


OH! I AM SO SORRY. I DID NOT KNOW. I WOULD HAVE OFFERED YOU A PRESENT.
PRESENTS ARE FOR CHILDREN! LET US DANCE INSTEAD!


BUT FIRST, A TOAST...

THANK YOU, EKBORN. I WILL FINISH IT LATER ON.
OWW! THIS DRESS REALLY IS NOT CONVE-NIENT...
WAIT, I HAVE AN IDEA.
THERE! THIS IS MUCH BETTER!
LET ME GO, LET ME GO!


YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE DONE THAT!
BUT...
IT IS NOT IMPORTANT, MISS. IF YOU WISH, WE MAY DO A FEW STEPS TOGETHER.
ANOTHER TIME, EKBORN!

I HOPE I DID NOT HURT HIM. THE CHILD IS SO PECULIAR, SO UNPREDICTABLE.
OH WELL! SLEEP SOLVES ALL... AND TOMORROW IS ANOTHER DAY.
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END OF THE EPISODE.